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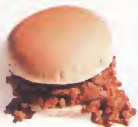
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in the city is *not* pretty, so we tried to keep cool as we put this issue together. The result: **Liz**

cut out every afternoon to go to an air-conditioned theater and came back with a great story on kids of summer movies.

(See page 22.) **Heidi** hunted for new talent at comics conventions.

(You could be her latest find; see page 83.) **Chris** taught **Michelle** the latest

skateboarding moves.

(Check out their awesome article on extreme-sports parks on page 42.) **Keri** scanned

the night sky for meteors (page 48), **Sean** went whale watching (page 34), and everyone else just sat in the shade.

Pass the Popsicles, **and**

Adventure

on! *Philly*



Info



FRENCH TOAST PROFILE

NAME: Mila Williams

AGE: 12

HOMETOWN: Marina Del Rey, California

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Any holiday when there's no school.

WORST NIGHTMARE: Mom reading my diary.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: When Scott kissed me in the school cafeteria.

FAVORITE MAGAZINE: Any magazine with perfume samples

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Beating Dad in Monopoly.

GOAL IN LIFE: To own more property than Donald Trump.

CLOTHES: French Toast

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"Delightful" duckers can find answers at bottom of page.

1 Where does Duck Dodgers hang out?

- A. At the Mall.
B. In the 24 1/2 century.
C. A baseball stadium.

2 What makes Road Runner so fast?
A. If there was a crazed coyote looking to make you his afternoon snack, you'd move fast, too.



B. A turbo-charged heart.

C. He's actually a mutant bird from the planet "Speedtron 9".



3 What does Wile E. Coyote do with his allowance?

- A. He donates it to the "Save the Coyote Fund."
B. Spends it on Acme products.
C. Stares and drools over it.

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B. To eat the weasel that ate the chicken that was on the other side.
C. C'mon, you don't ask the Tasmanian Devil silly questions like this.

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5 What song does Tweety most often sing in the shower?

- A. "Hatched in the U.S.A."
B. "Smells Like Teen Puttycat."
C. Tweety doesn't shower. He takes baths.



So how'd ya do, Shirley, I mean, Doc?

6.

Why does Bugs call everyone "Doc"?

- A. He spent two years in medical school.
B. "What's up, Shirley?" just isn't cool.
C. Out of respect for his great-grandfather, "Doc" Holiday Bunny.



ANSWERS

1. B 2. C 3. C 4. C 5. C 6. C

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«Thanks!»

Your letters, photos
and comments.

True Believer

I watch "Earth 2" every Sunday. I believe in aliens. Once I think I saw a UFO—it was this flying round thing with lights blinking on the sides—but you never know. I haven't used your guide for UFO hunting yet, because my friend Matthew won't go. And I won't go alone.

RUSSELL CAHILL, 10
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS



Cap Crazy

I am a born Pog lover! I have more than 2,381 caps, not including my limited-edition ones. I wish you would come out with

D.A. staff caps. I'd be the first to buy them! One day, I was sitting in class doing nothing but flipping a Pog, and I got excited and flipped it into the sink!

CHRIS BAILEY, 11

MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA



Close Encounter of the Dumbo Kind

My dad used to live in Nairobi, Kenya. I went there once for a visit, and in the game park, we came face to face with this elephant! He looked kind of mad, but eventually he wandered off.

CLAIRE PETERSON, 11
ALEXANDRIA, KENTUCKY



Dream on

Have you ever had a **dream** you really wanted to finish? I've had plenty of them. If I could go into **virtual reality**, it would be to a dream I never finished. The virtual-reality thing would read your **mind**, and, of course, you would be telling it your latest dream. It would pick up **signals** and make up an ending for your dream.

KATHIE MCGRAW, 13
BELTON, TEXAS

Pics

DAN UITERMARK, 10, from HOMESTEAD, IOWA, went spelunking! Good thing he doesn't mind getting dirty!

Point

Art!

Your **most** excellent drawings by—

- 1** JESSICA EBNER, 13, of Mindoro, WI
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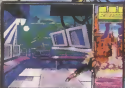
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Info to go and things to know!



Will the shoes improve his moves?

David Lee, 12, from St. Louis, Missouri, is the lucky winner of our Shaq's Shoes Sweepstakes (March 1995).



Rachel Beal dropped us a line to tell us what's hot and what's not at Canton Junior High in Canton, Texas. The kids in her sixth-grade



English class have been on some pretty cool class trips—such as the Omni Theater in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Marsalis Zoo in Dallas, Texas. But their ideal class trip would be to the Orlando Arena in Orlando, Florida, where the Orlando Magic would take on—who else?—the Chicago Bulls! And, when they get the late-night munchies—it's a chocolate shake, chips and hot sauce!

hot not

slang

"you go,"
"pishaw!"

"duh,"
"awesome!"

sports

gymnastics,
basketball,
waterskiing

Ping-Pong

food

seven-layer
burritos

hot dogs,
spinach

PINBALL WIZARD

They don't call him "Razor" Sharpe for nothing. At the Professional and Amateur Pinball Association's PAPA 5 World Pinball Championships, **Joshua Sharpe** shot way out in front of the pack in the Juniors Division finals. Joshua, a 15-year-old flipmaster from Chicago, Illinois, scored a perfect 40 points and walked away with the division title. "I want to be the best pinball player the world has ever seen," says Joshua. He stepped away from the flashing lights, buzzers and bells long enough to talk to us.

D.A.: How long have you been playing pinball?

J.S.: About 15 years. When I was born, my dad had nine pinball machines. I used to stand in

front of him and he'd play around me. I'd just watch, and I got into it.

D.A.: How many machines do you have at home now?

J.S.: Sixteen regular-size and 10 antique.

D.A.: Do you have any secret moves?

J.S.: Just common strategy: Try to cradle the ball—that way, you can think of where you're going to shoot. And use your left flipper to shoot on the right side, your right flipper to shoot on the left side.

D.A.: Do you like pinball or video games better?

J.S.: I like pinball better because there's more skill involved. In video games you have to beat the bad guy or work your way up to beat the bad guy. In pinball, each time you play it's



different. You never have the same game twice.

D.A.: What games did you compete on in the tournament?

J.S.: For the qualifying round, we competed on eight different machines. You had to play them all and build up the highest score to qualify. I qualified in second place. Then we went into the championship rounds, where we competed on four machines—**The Shadow, Shaq Attack, Frankenstein** and **Dirty Harry**—and that's when I beat the first-place guy and came in first.

D.A.: You won every game you played in the finals. Has anyone ever done that before?

J.S.: Not that I know of.

D.A.: Next year will be your last year in the Juniors Division?

J.S.: Yeah, and then I'm moving up to play with the big boys.

D.A.: Is that exciting?

J.S.: Yeah. They're pretty scared, wondering what I'll be like in two years.

—Amy Reiter

slang **pinball** Drain or die?

Ping this pinball patter around, pal!

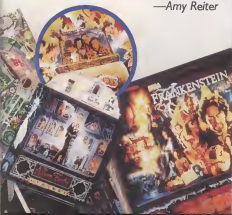
Shaking. Moving the machine under the ball to control the speed and direction. Doing it right is a science.


Slingshot. If you shake the machine just right, the ball will come down the lane lightning-fast so you can shoot it.

Draining. Losing your ball. Unlike in video games, you don't die in pinball; you drain.

Trapping. Balls are banging, buzzers are blaring—everything's happening too fast. You need to slow down, so you stop the ball, hold it in your flipper in a V, and figure out your next move.

Death Save. Your ball's rolling through the outer lanes, headed for the bottom; you push the game's box forward, causing the ball to bounce back up from the center onto the flippers. Saved!





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Robin Shou
speaks softly and
carries a big stick
in *Mortal Kombat*.



If D.A. could time-travel, we'd definitely want to check out the Middle Ages—you know, King Arthur and knights and all that chivalrous

stuff. That's exactly what Calvin Fuller, a 14-year-old California kid, gets to do when Merlin magically whips him into the past in *A Kid in King Arthur's Court*. Calvin, played by **Thomas Ian Nicholas** (*Rookie of the Year*) merrily romps around with maidens of the court—until he realizes

that he was summoned to save King Arthur and Camelot!

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Mortal Kombat.

Three human warriors must prevent the evil sorcerer Shang Tsung from winning the 10th Mortal

Kombat tournament, or else he and his Outworld will reign over Earth forever. Just thinking about the gruesome 8-foot-tall, four-armed Outworld prince, Goro, has us shaking in our Doc Martens!



Horsing around in the Middle Ages.



D.A. popped into the recording studio as fabulous foursome **All-4-One** put the finishing touches on their new album, *And The*

Music Speaks. We hung out with **Tony Borowiak**, **Jamie Jones**, **Alfred Nevarez** and **Delious** while they munched some lunch and rapped about life in the big time.

D.A.: What's the key to

● singing a *cappella* (without instruments)?
D.: Listening to one another. But it's hard to do when the crowd is cheering. The second we start "So Much In Love," everybody starts screaming—and we're trying to hear one another sing.

D.A.: Do you always sing the same parts?
D.: No, we trade off all the time—except for Alfred, because he's

● the bass.
A.N.: I sing real low.

D.A.: We heard you receive up to 500 fan letters a week. Do you answer them?

D.: A lot of the time, if they give a phone number, we call them.

T.B.: They scream at first. Then as soon as we start talking, they get quiet and can't say a thing. Then right when they're hanging up the phone, we hear 'em screamin' again.



All-4-One—and one for all! They've got "Skillz."

D.A.: When did you realize you wanted to be a singing star?

D.: Always. I started singing at 3.

T.B.: I started at 4.

The first time I was onstage, I thought, *I like it here.*

J.J.: Before I could even walk. The only way to make me be quiet was for my sister to put

me on the floor in front of my dad's stereo.

A.N.: I've been singing in churches since I was 6. My choir director had me sing lead—at 6!

D.A.: Do you still get psyched when you hear your songs on the radio?

D.: You can't talk in my car. When "Skillz" comes on, I turn up the bass and just go.

J.J.: And he stops paying attention to his driving and we get all lost!

D.A.: When do you write songs?

D.: Sometimes I have a dream and wake up and write about it.

J.J.: I write music on the plane, the bus, anywhere. I keep my little tape recorder and notebook with me in my briefcase.

D.A.: What do you do for kicks between shows?

A.N.: We have remote-control cars and water guns that we get crazy with.

T.B.: And we always have our bowling balls. If there's a bowling alley around, we'll find it.

J.J.: And we love to go check out the malls.

D.A.: What's the recipe for your music?

J.J.: A few cups of love. A pinch of dance.

D.: Then you add some rhythm. And a touch of jazz, with a hint of doo-wop.

J.J.: Mix it all together, cook it in the CD player, and you've got All-4-One.

—Debbie Beyer



No offense, but it's been a long time since anyone could say Marvel Comics' *The Mighty Thor* was cool. Fortunately,

the times, they are a-changin'. In August, Marvel's British king of grit, Warren Ellis, gets down and dirty with the thunder god when he takes over as the new writer. The new Thor is lean and mean—and wait till you see the new costume design by superhot artist Mike Deodato! D.A. can't wait



Cool at last: *The Mighty Thor*.

for this one, folks!

Also out this month, one of the nastiest crossover books ever. Sure, DC and Marvel have mixed heroes in the past: Superman/Spider-Man, X-Men/Teen Titans. But now, they're mixing villains in *Darkseid/Galactus: The Hunger*. It's basically a big What If?-type story, asking, "What if the Silver Surfer's former master, Galactus, decided to eat Apokolips, the infernal planet ruled by the evil Darkseid?" As a bonus, it's written and drawn by fan favorite John Byrne (*Wonder Woman*).



Last month, D.A. chatted with Litefoot, who plays Little Bear in *The Indian in the Cupboard*. Now D.A. sits

down with Lynne Reid Banks, the author of more than 20 books, including the four in *The Indian* series.

D.A.: Do you plan to write more books in the series?

L.R.B.: What I'd like to do, if I dared, would be to send Omri into the future. But then I have to figure out what the future would be like. Maybe it wouldn't be so nice. I've got a couple of ideas. One: Omri's grandson has the cupboard and the little figures, and Omri's suddenly whisked into the future—maybe a hundred years forward.

D.A.: If you could have any of your characters come to life, which would it be?

L.R.B.: Tiki, my fairy from *The Fairy Rebel*. She could do magic for me, and perhaps I could look after her, because she's a bit reckless and she does a bunch of silly things. She would be little and a bit



Lynne Reid Banks powwows with friends.

like Tinker Bell, but able to talk. I think she and I would get along pretty well together.

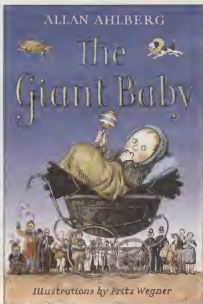
D.A.: Do you have any tips for kids who are thinking about becoming writers?

L.R.B.: You've got to read. You've got to write—every day: make something up, write in your

diary, or get a pen-pal thing going. And don't just tell what you did; share your feelings. You've got to do a lot of thinking. Go out of your way to have experiences. Meet people, do things, travel, have adventures—but not bad adventures, good adventures.

—Liz Smith

Summer Reading Heats Up



Don't let the people in these books have all the fun—read about 'em and join in!

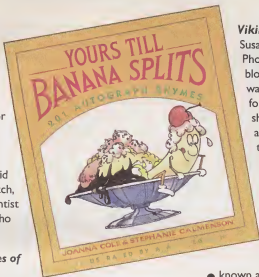
The Giant Baby (Viking) by Allan Ahlberg. Young Alice wants a baby brother. Her parents say forget it, but

somebody fairly gargantuan lends her the biggest baby ever. He's so cool (except for the giant-size diapers) that some dastardly circus guys, a kid with an eye patch, and a mad scientist all fight over who gets him.

The Adventures of Robin Hood (Candlewick Press) by Marcia Williams. This panoramic cartoon book has characters who aren't as handsome as Kevin Costner and his gang, but



methinks the plot's still about the dude who robs from the rich to give to the poor. And it's funny, with lots of merry remarks like "low-down knave" and "daughter of a pea."



● **Yours Till Banana Splits** (Morrow Junior) by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmenson. Two hundred and one autograph rhymes for yearbooks, postcards, letters, sidewalk, whatever. Here's how D.A. plans to sign off from now on: Pigs love pumpkins/cows love squash/I love you/I do, by gosh.



Viking (Knopf) by Susan M. Margeson. Photos of what the bloodthirsty warriors wore and fought with, the ships they sailed, and the plunder that made them act so impolitely in the first place.

Really No Big Deal (Viking) by Margaret Bechard. Jonah Truman, also

● known as one of the shortest kids in seventh



grade, attends every bad birthday party in town as a mother's helper—he even puts makeup on 12 5-year-olds and watches a kid swan-dive into a pirate-ship cake. But that probably beats hanging out at home, since his mom is dating his school



principal! Very funny, we must say!

A Blue for Beware
(Greenwillow) by Jessie

Haas. Horse lovers, look up. Lily is a young girl who finally gets to ride her very own horse in a junior horse show. Costume class, jumps, a barrel race and a fight with a friend make it a day to remember.

Captain Hawaii

(HarperCollins) by Anthony Dana Arkin. Fifteen-year-old Arron Pendleton heads to Kauai, Hawaii, from New York, and hooks up with crazy Captain Dan and his somewhat psychic

daughter, Kate. They seek treasure; he gets battered by thugs who want to keep an island secret, secret. Key players: spiders, sushi, and a pig roast.

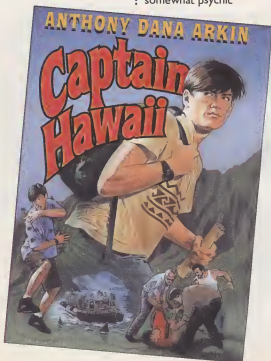
Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger

(Morrow Junior) by Louis Sachar. Wayside School, which has been



closed for 242 days, is open again. Miss Mush has the same lunch waiting. Miss Zarves is still teaching on the 19th floor—but wait, there is no 19th floor! Dr. Pickle is still hypnotizing kids so they bite each other's ears...eeewwww! This book is way weird—we can hear "The Twilight Zone" music starting now!

—Rose Kennedy



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Kids of Summer Movies

How are you spending your summer vacation? Perhaps you're racing minicars, going camping in the wilderness or hanging out at the beach. Your parents are probably following you, videotaping your every move.

That's just like these kids. OK, so they have famous co-stars, a script, a crew and a director who's filming their adventures with big, fancy cameras. But besides that, their summer months are just like yours.

D.A. thought it'd be a blast to spend our summer with the hottest kid movie stars, so we are!

BY KIM LOCKHART
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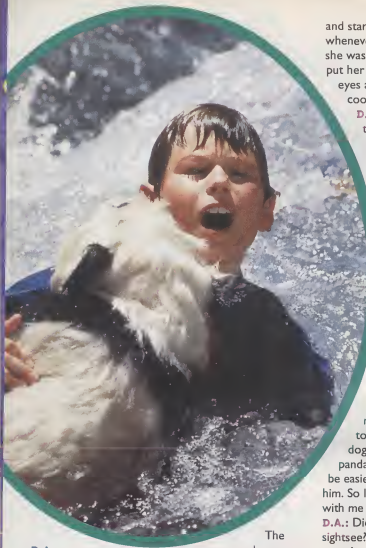


Vroom! Vroom! Strap on your helmet, fasten your seat belt, and meet us at the racetrack! That's what D.A. told **Ryan Slater**, 12, once we heard that Malibu Grand Prix in North Hollywood, California, was his fave place to hang. He stars in *Amazing Panda Adventure*. Ryan plays Ryan Tyler, a 12-year-old who travels to China to visit his dad and ends up trying to save pandas from poachers. But

before we let him zoom away in his red race car, we made him tell us all about panda-mania.



Ryan Slater



D.A.:

OK, Ryan,
talk panda!

R.S.: There were three
real ones, a giant panda
and two babies, and a
few mechanical ones.

The
real ones

were so cool. I loved
them, especially Moon,
the little baby girl. She
was soooo clumsy. She
would always fall on her
butt or fall down a hill

and start rolling. And
whenever she thought
she was in trouble, she
put her hands over her
eyes and made a
cooing noise.

D.A.: Did you get
to play with the
pandas?

R.S.: Yeah. I
got to walk
them and
roll down
the hill
with them.

D.A.:

Since your
mom's a
casting
agent and
your
brother,
Christian, is
an actor,
did they give
you tips?

R.S.: Yeah. My
mom told me
to pretend our
dog, Chan, was a
panda because it'd
be easier to talk to
him. So I took Chan
with me to the audition.

D.A.: Did you get to
sightsee?

R.S.: I was dying to see
the Great Wall of
China. I loved it; it was
so fun. The Wall was
really wide. Six horses
could fit across it. And
it was really steep.

(cliff) Hanging

WITH
THE

Tenderfoots

BY H. BROOKE PRIMERO AND LIZ SMITH

Take a hike! That's what the Tenderfoots told us to do! So we did—right over to the set of their movie, *Bushwhacked*. It stars Daniel Stern (*Home Alone*) and six rambunctious actors as

the Tenderfoots—Michael Galeota, 10 (Dana); Janna Michaels, 12 (Kelsey); Blake Bashoff, 14 (Gordy); Ari Greenberg, 11 (Fishman); Corey Carrier, 14 (Ralph); and Max Goldblatt, 12 (Barnhill). On a wilderness trip gone haywire, the Scouts scale mountains, brave

rapids and perform killer stunts that put *Cliffhanger* to shame. The kids dig D.A. sooooo much, they asked us to join them for lunch and a game of football. They shared some of their fun filming moments with us:

MICHAEL: I think mountain climbing is fun 'cause it takes a lot of hard work. It was a lot of fun to learn how to do.

COREY: The director brought us in a week earlier, and they gave us two really top-class instructors, Douglas and Perry. They're ranked climbers, and they taught us how to climb easy mountains. None of us really knew how to climb. Now we're all really good at it.

JANNA: The best part was the river because we got to actually swim in white water. It felt like 30 degrees! We had wet suits but they leaked, so we were totally miserable the whole time. But it was still fun.



**BLAKE
BASHOFF**



**JANNA
MICHALES**



**MICHAEL
GALEOTA**



ARI GREENBERG

hit a kayak. Max was totally laughing.

BLAKE: During a break, we were on the real footbridge with about a 100-foot drop. Ari was hungry, so he asked food services to get him a sandwich. ...



COREY CARRIER

COREY: Another one!

BLAKE: He's eating the sandwich and walking across the bridge. As he takes a bite out of the sandwich, he falls and bangs right into the rail! He almost fell off the bridge! It was scary.

COREY: But he saved the sandwich!

COREY: We were in the water, going in a daisy chain with our arms intertwined. I went under, and I sucked in a lot of water. We were supposed to be screaming for help [for the

director] 'cause there's a waterfall coming up, and we're really scared. I was supposed to be acting, screaming, "Help! Help!" but I was really choking. I was giving the international symbol for choking, and everyone was laughing. The movie crew was giving me thumbs-up signs, saying "Good! Great! Keep doing that!" They all felt stupid when I told them I was really drowning.

MAX: I got injured doing a stunt.

COREY: Yeah, he fell on a stick!

MAX: We were supposed to dive off a cliff. There was a fake ledge, and five feet under it there were pads to land on. I jumped off, and I landed in a weird position. I got the wind knocked out of me, and I really hurt my back! It still hurts.



MAX GOLDBLATT

BLAKE: I was in the water with Danny and Max. I went down a waterfall and into a 10-foot-deep whirlpool. I got stuck and pulled under, and my backpack got caught on the bottom surface. Max was like, "Where's Blake?" All of a sudden, my pack got loose and I came up and my head

Hey,

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The first 25 readers to write to us will win *Bushwhacked* movie stuff—like a canteen, cap or poster! Send us a letter with your name and address to: *Bushwhacked!*

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How'd They Do That?

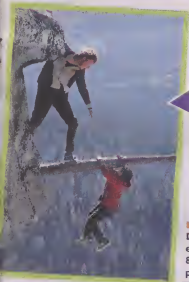


LOOKS LIKE: Yikes! Ari crawls over Danny, thousands of feet above a mountain.

BUT, REALLY: Danny's only five feet off the ground. The Lake Tahoe mountain ravine background is added via the blue-screen process (two images are shot separately and combined into one image).



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LOOKS LIKE:
Aaaaahhh!
Blake's hanging on for dear life, thousands of feet in the air!



BUT, REALLY: Blake's suspended from the tree by a safety wire. And he's only eight feet above the scaffolding.

LOOKS LIKE:
Danny is about to get eaten for lunch by an 8-foot-tall, 1,200-pound black bear!

BUT, REALLY: The animal trainer uses bear goodies to bait the bear into acting all ferocious. And again, via the blue-screen process, Danny is superimposed onto the scene.



Tina Majorino

Splashing Into Waterworld

BY LIZ SMITH

When Tina Majorino told D.A. her favorite movie is *The Wizard of Oz*, we freaked! (As longtime D.A. readers know, that's one of our fave movies.) She told us that watching it over and over inspired her to become an actress. Last summer, she was featured in D.A.'s Kids of Summer Movies for her role in *Andre*, co-starring with a seal. This year, the busy 10-year-old stars in *Waterworld*—co-starring with none other than Kevin

Costner—which tells the story of life on Earth after the ice caps melt and all the land is covered with water. She had just gotten home from school (she likes math, science, art and English) and was sitting nice and dry in her all-purple room when she talked to us about her wild adventures filming under da sea.

D.A.: We heard the movie set sank twice. Did it?

T.M.: Actually, it didn't sink. It was a rumor. One day, the swells got really high and tipped over the floating tower called the Slave Colony, where the bad people—the Smokers—live. But then the set people just put it back up again.

D.A.: Describe Kevin Costner in three words.

T.M.: Focused, professional, kindhearted. I was excited to meet him. It's such an honor to have worked with him.

D.A.: Did you have any encounters with sea creatures?

T.M.: Yeah. It wasn't supposed to happen. Between scenes, I was swimming with Ari, the stunt coordinator, and all of a sudden, there was a little string on a nearby buoy. It was a jellyfish, and Ari pushed it off. Then, I got on the buoy and was riding it like a pony when the jellyfish grabbed my leg! So Ari and I swam to shore, but I got stung from my toes to my forehead!



Jason Richter

James



Jason Gets the Willys!

BY LIZ SMITH

D.A. was excited to catch up with Jason James Richter,

15. It'd been two years since we talked to him about *Free Willy*. Now in *Free Willy II: The Adventure Home*, Jason (as Jesse) must save Willy and the little Willys (his bro and sis).

Keiko, the whale that played Willy in *Free Willy*, is not in this movie. He's suffering from a skin virus in real life and needs a bigger tank. Hopefully, Keiko will soon be moved to a 2-million-gallon tank in Oregon, and then be set free. We got Jason on the phone to see if he had any new whale tales to tell.

D.A.: What was it like working with mechanical whales?

J.J.R.: The mechanical whales look real. Their skin feels like Keiko's. The only thing is, when Keiko jumps out of the water, his body curves a little bit, and the mechanical ones go straight up and straight down.

D.A.: Do you miss Keiko?

J.J.R.: Yes, it's a real bummer. I went down to see him, and it seemed like he was angry at me—he wouldn't look at me or let me feed him.

D.A.: Do you think you'd like to continue acting?

J.J.R.: Oh, definitely. At times, it gets hard. I miss my summers. I miss my friends. I want to keep making movies as long as it's fun and this is where I want to be. ...I'll be 85 years old and making *Free Willy* 95! "Go, Willy, go! Oops, call the paramedics!"



Pick Your Pocahontas

BY LIZ SMITH AND CHRISTINE DONNELLY

Have your friends been calling you **Ratcliffe** lately and you wonder what that means? Do you feel a closeness to **Meeko** but aren't sure why? Perhaps you've got a personality just like one of the main characters in **Pocahontas**. To find out which **Poca** person you most identify with, take D.A.'s very own **Pocahontas** Personality Quiz.

1. Your best friend just got in trouble with the camp counselor for something he/she didn't do. The counselor is screaming at your friend. You:

- a. politely interrupt the counselor and come to your best friend's defense.
- b. rudely interrupt the camp counselor, grab your best friend and make a run for it.
- c. laugh, and take this opportunity to go through your best friend's overnight bag and borrow some of his valuable trading cards.
- d. are being screamed at, too, 'cause you're always getting into trouble.
- e. say, "tsk, tsk," and tell all your friends that, unfortunately, your best



friend deserves what he/she got.

- f. tell a profound story that suddenly clears up the confusion.
- g. poke your way to the front of the crowd and try to create a distraction so your friend can get away.

Personality



2. Your friend's cat is stuck in a really big tree. You:

- a. immediately leap to the closest branch and skillfully climb the tree to rescue the cat.
- b. call all your friends to come watch as you use your handy-dandy rope to lasso the cat.
- c. tell your friend you'll charge him \$5 to get his cat down.
- d. grab a bowl of cherries, leftover cat food and anything else you can get your paws on.
- e. after chowing on a bowl of cherries, take a leisurely nap while waiting patiently for kitty to come down.
- f. speak in a soothing, soft voice and try to talk the cat down.
- g. harass the cat—yell at it and threaten not to feed it anymore—until it finally leaves its perch.

3. Everyone has a feature that expresses his or her personality. Yours is your:

- a. hair. In fact, you think hair tossing should be an Olympic event.



- b. statuesque build. *Hmm*, maybe nice enough to be a movie star!
- c. big nose, double chin, jelly belly....The list goes on.
- d. mask, always ready for a masquerade party.
- e. bark—it's worse than your bite.
- f. bite—it's worse than your bark.
- g. long, slender bill and even longer tongue, great for zapping intruders.

4. When you accessorize, what color do you choose?

- a. tan
- b. blue
- c. gold
- d. brown
- e. any color, as long as it's fluffy
- f. green
- g. fuchsia

5. What is the most important thing to you in the whole wide world?

- a. friends
- b. adventure
- c. money
- d. food
- e. dignity
- f. wisdom
- g. loyalty

6. You forgot to do your homework. You:

- a. enlist the aid of your two best friends to help you get the job done, just before the bell rings!



b. say you're so sorry, and offer to make up for it by going to gym class three times today!

c. steal a fellow student's homework and put your name on it.

d. try to get on the teacher's good side by giving him leftover cookies.

e. yawn, then apologize and say your personal servant will get right on it.

f. admit you've goofed big-time and say you've learned something valuable from this.

g. explain that you were out defending the neighborhood from villains and promise that it'll never happen again.



7. You're in charge of planning the summer-camp field trip.

You choose:

a. white-water rafting—but first, everyone must build the raft, using only natural materials.

b. bungee jumping.

c. a trip to the amusement park on Kids Get In Free Day, but charge everyone so you can make a profit.

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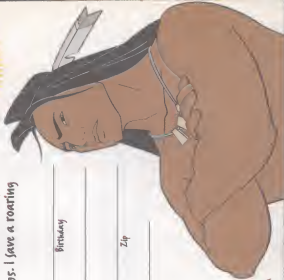
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- d.** an all-day pass to the all-you-can-eat food court.
- e.** a weekend at a five-star resort where servants grant your every wish.
- f.** tracing your family tree.
- g.** flying lessons.

8. You're out **picnicking** and, suddenly, an **army of ants** is heading your way. You:

- a.** arrange a little picnic blanket for them and fix them a snack.
- b.** try to teach them a new formation.
- c.** jump up screaming and stomp them into ant mash.
- d.** invite them to crawl on your blanket, but refuse to share your lunch.
- e.** tell them to stay off your silk pillow, thank you very much.
- f.** let them crawl all over you and give them some good advice.
- g.** eat them.



Now, add up how many a's you have, b's, etc., to see which letter you have the most of.

a: You're a lot like **Pocahontas**. You're courageous and respectful of nature, but mischievous enough not to be boring.

b: You're like **John Smith**. You seek out adventure, are quite brave, and like to let everyone know about your courageous feats!

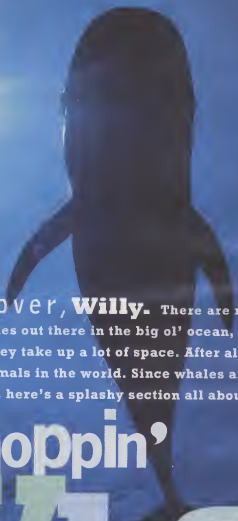
c: You and **Ratcliffe** could turn a profit selling swampland to alligators. Mucho moolah is your main motivator—better apply for that after-school job now.

d: Just like mischievous **Meeko**, you've got a bottomless pit for a stomach and will do *anything* for food. But he's got a built-in mask to hide behind. Do you?

e: We're sorry. You're pampered, spoiled and snooty, just like that pet pug, **Percy**. We're not sorry that you are, just jealous that we don't have anyone to lavish attention on us. *Spoil us, please!*

f: You and **Grandmother Willow**, eh? You must be wise beyond your years. For future careers, think fortune-cookie writing or hosting your own talk show!

g: You're feisty and loyal, just like **Flit**. We bet all your friends are glad to have you on their side! We hear the President's looking for a new bodyguard....



Move over, **Willy**. There are more than 75 kinds of whales out there in the big ol' ocean, so you're not alone. And they take up a lot of space. After all, they're the largest mammals in the world. Since whales are such a huge subject, here's a splashy section all about 'em.

Whoppin'

Whal

Whale **FACT** FILE

One day nearly 345 million years ago, a cowlike animal jumped into the ocean. Next thing you know, it morphed into what we now know as the whale. Here's the lowdown on five different types:

Hey, big guy: The blue whale (above and below) is the *hugest* animal that has ever lived on Earth.

BLUE WHALE

The whale of it: This is the largest animal that has ever lived—including the dinosaurs. It's blue-gray in color and has a long, sleek shape. **Vital**

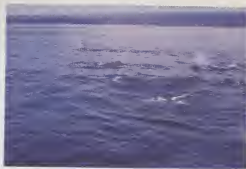
statistics: Grows as long as 100 feet and weighs as much as 150 tons—that's equal to the weight of 2,000 people. **Snacks:** Eats as much as 2 tons of small shrimplike animals called krill every day. A blue whale has 55 to 118 throat grooves from its chin to its stomach. These spread out like a fan for gulping food. **Unique features:** Its small dorsal (back) fin, which is only 12 to 14 inches high. **Current head count:** 4,000 to 6,000.

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By H. BROOKE
PRIMERO



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SPERM WHALE

The whale of it: It has a big, square head—one-third of the animal's body length—that contains a case full of a waxy-oily substance called spermaceti, which helps keep it upright.

Vital statistics: Grows as long as 60 feet and weighs about 40 tons. **Snacks:** Eats squid, barracuda and sharks, munching with teeth that weigh 2 pounds each. Fishermen used to carve miniature scenes on teeth from slaughtered sperm whales; the result was called scrimshaw.

Unique features: Its schnozz! A sperm whale's nose is the biggest on the planet. **Current head count:** Less than one million.

A whole herd of sperm whales cruises along (above). A humpback sings and donces (below and right).





HUMPBACK WHALE

The whale of it: Humpbacks are the Boyz II Men of the underwater world: They sing, sing, sing! Actually, they make chirps, moans and belching sounds. They're black on top and white on the bottom. **Vital statistics:** Grows up to 50 feet and weighs about a ton per foot.

Snacks: Eats krill and small fish. The humpback has a pleated throat that expands when it feeds. **Unique features:** Its ultracool, ultralong flippers, often as long as a third of its body length. **Current head count:** 10,000.



NARWHAL

The whale of it: It's called a sea unicorn because the male's left tooth grows through the upper lip into an 8-foot-long ivory tusk! (All narwhals have two teeth, but females don't develop the tusk.) The narwhal (left) has dark-gray or black spots on its dolphinlike body. **Vital statistics:** Grows up to 15 feet long, not including its tusk, and weighs just under 2 tons. **Snacks:** Eats cod, flatfish, shrimp and squid. **Unique features:** Do we even have to say? The tusk is the coolest thing about this whale! **Current head count:** Unknown.



Whale

FACT

FILE

Killer
splashdown
(below)!

KILLER WHALE

The whale of it: Willy isn't a whale! A killer whale, also known as an orca, is classified as a superdolphin. Killer whales have shiny black-and-white bodies and 6-foot-long dorsal fins.

Vital statistics: Measures up to 30 feet long and weighs up to 8 tons. **Snacks:** Eats whatever it wants—even other whales!

Unique feature: Its hunting style. A killer whale is known as the wolf of the sea because it preys on wounded and young victims.

Current head count: Unknown.

Whales HANG TEN

They may not in-line skate, but whales definitely have a lineup of favorite things to do. Like...

Motorboating:

The whale swims *fast*, with its head above water and the rest of its body parallel to the water's surface. As it cruises along, its head creates a wake similar that of a motorboat.

Spy-hopping: Every once in a while, a curious whale likes to check out its surroundings, so it peeks its head straight out of the water for a look.

Head slap: The head slap is a way for a whale to show off its power.

Flipper slap: While rolling at the surface, a whale may bring its flippers out of the water and slap them against the water. Researchers think the sound may be a form of communication.

Breaching: This is the coolest way

to impress a boatload of whale watchers!

From deep down, the whale swims straight up and breaks the surface, then hurls itself completely out of the water before it crashes on its back into the water. Talk about splash city!



Havin' a whale of a time: breaching (top), flipper slapping (middle) and spy-hopping (bottom).

A beluga
whale

Patricia Corrigan is no wimp when it comes to whale watching. "See this arm?" asks the author of *The Whale Watcher's Guide*. "I've had this arm in a whale's mouth!"

Say what?

Corrigan likes to travel far and wide to see whales up close and personal. Since 1982, she's taken two or three trips a year to watch whales in their natural habitats. She's trekked to Argentina to see southern right whales, kissed the head of a baby gray whale off the California coast, and watched orcas play in the waters near British Columbia.

D.A. spoke with Corrigan about her fascination with whales—and about what on Earth made her massage a whale's tongue.

D.A.: What's the big attraction to whale watching?

P.C.: I love being in the middle of



whales, and I love being out in the ocean—feeling the wind and experiencing the motion of a boat. I think I'm secretly a mermaid

or a marine mammal.

D.A.: What made you put your arm in a gray whale's mouth?

P.C.: On a whale-watching trip near Baja California, I was rubbing a teenage gray whale under her jaw, and she opened her mouth. I said, "You know, elephants really like to have their tongues massaged. I wonder if she would." I started rubbing her tongue, and she closed her jaws! She was sort of opening and closing her mouth along the length of my forearm. It was as though that was the only way that she could touch me.

D.A.: Weren't you a little afraid?

P.C.: No, she didn't have teeth, so I wasn't afraid.

This
warning
ought
to be
stamped
on the side
of every whale-
watching boat:
**INHALING WHALE
BLOW MAY BE
HAZARDOUS TO
YOUR SOCIAL LIFE!**

**THAR
SHE
BLOWS!**

That's because whale blow is a mixture of water vapor, mucus, and oil droplets. We hear that after a whale eats, its blow smells like nail-polish remover. *Bleah!* Every whale has a great pair of lungs. Whales can breathe in and blow out 2,100 quarts of air in just two seconds! This makes them champion breath-holders and spouters.

Here's how the blow from four different whales stacks up:



| WHALE | HOLDS BREATH FOR | BLOWS |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| HUMPBACK | 3 to 30 minutes | A 13-foot mushroomlike column |
| RIGHT | 4 to 40 minutes | Two 16-foot jets that form a V |
| BLUE | 10 to 60 minutes | A single column as high as 50 feet |
| SPERM | 3 to 120 minutes | To the left and forward, 50 feet |

Rocky Richardson
does his toughest
trick, called a
no-footer.




Extreme



Sports P A R K S

Tired of No SKATING signs? D.A. found the gnarliest places in the country to in-line skate, skateboard or bike.

Extrême-sports parks are popping up everywhere, and D.A. was stoked to check out four of the best. These thrasher paradises offer the chance to get burly with your skateboard, bike or skates. If you have the wheels, the skills and the attitude, they have the ramps—and it's all legal. Membership usually costs around \$20 per year, or you can pay about \$5 per session. Unless otherwise noted, all parks allow bikes, skateboards and skates. **By Michelle Ernst**



U-turn! Rocky
executes a 180-degree
turn on a Vert ramp.

Hoffman

BIKE

Park

OKLAHOMA CITY,
OKLAHOMA

Hit this: Check out the 11-foot-by-30-foot vert ramp, 6-foot miniramp with spine (connected to three different hip jumps) and 5-foot jump box.

Claim to fame: All ramps at this outdoor park were made by pros and meet pro standards. It's owned and operated by Matt Hoffman, vert ramp world champ since 1987. A word to the wise from Matt: "Sometimes the younger kids hassle the older Rollerbladers because they wear spandex, and spandex isn't very cool."

Local ripper: Rocky Richardson, 12, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "Yeah, I wanna go pro. I'm ranked in the top 20, I think. I'm taking things really fast, and I have a talent for it. The miniramp's my favorite, because you catch about three feet of air from above the deck and take your feet off when you're in the air. That's pretty scary because your front tire can hit the deck of the ramp."

Skatepark OF Tampa (SPOT) TAMPA, FLORIDA

Hit this: An 11-foot-high, 32-foot-wide vert half-pipe inside, and an indoor street course with quarter pipes and bank ramps.

Claim to fame: A stream called the Moat flows just outside the park. If you can jump it, you win a free day at SPOT. Sound easy? The stream is 8 feet wide!

Local ripper: Stephen Bastien, 12, Zephyrhills, Florida. "I was terrified the first time I ever dropped in on a vert ramp. But then I thought about how fun it would be after I learned how to do it really well. The biggest thrill at this park is probably the half pipe. It's the most exhilarating. You get the most speed off it."



Stephen Bastien rock-'n'-rolls
on a quarter pipe.

Hot Air

If you wanna catch some air, it helps to talk the talk. Here's a ramp glossary:

Miniramp:

U-shaped ramp 2 to 7 feet high, for sharpening skills and developing tricks.

Vert half-pipe or vert ramp: a taller miniramp, usually 10 to 12 feet high. The top foot is vertical.

Quarter pipe: one half of a miniramp, minus the flat bottom. Used for many of the same tricks as a miniramp, but tricks are executed at a much higher speed.

Flat or high wall: a slightly banked wall 6 to 10 feet high that you can get up without much loss of speed. Used for flip trickery.

Bowl: a large oval or circular depression made of wood or cement, 4 to 8 feet deep. Looks like an empty pool.

Bowl hip: one-quarter of a bowl.

Spine: miniramps or quarters placed back-to-back, so you can pop from one to the other.

—Chris Nieratko



Magdalena Ecke YMCA Skate Park (ENCINITAS YMCA SKATE PARK)

ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA

Hit this: A slick, revamped ramp called the Vert Bowl. It's a 12-foot-high ramp with a 24-foot, flat-wall section and a bowl hip surfaced in steel.

Claim to fame: This all-outdoor park began in 1987 as a piece of plywood leaning on a cement wall. Now it's one of the largest parks in the western United States.

No bikes allowed.

Local ripper: Justin Meeker, 13, Palm Desert, California. "It's the best skate park I've been to. It has a really nice street course. The ramps are really good—they're Masonite. It's smooth, so you can go faster."

Ramp Camp

Summer camp for psychos? You bet. Woodward Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania, is the place for extreme-sports fans. Woodward offers programs for all levels, taught by pros like Tony Hawk (skateboard), Chris Edwards (in-line skates) and Matt Hoffman (freestyle bike). This place began as a gymnastics camp, but the extreme-sports programs are considered the best on the planet. For info, call (814) 349-5633.

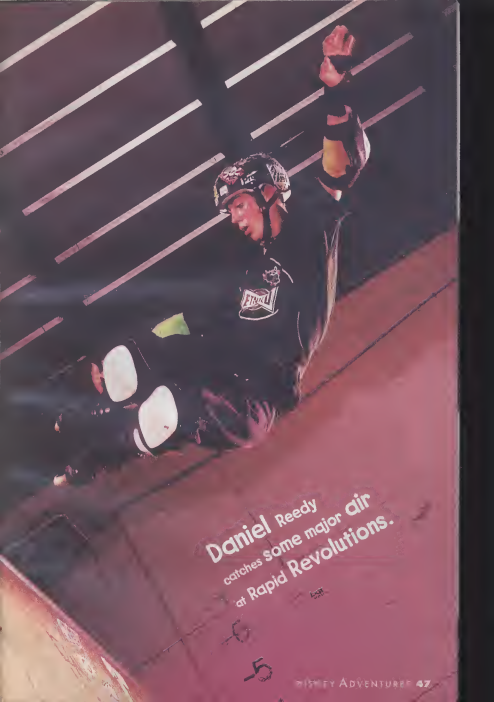
Rapid Revolutions DALLAS, TEXAS

Hit this: Catch some major air at this indoor park on the 11-foot vert half-pipe. Then check out the street course and 90-degree hip ramp.

Claim to fame: All the ramps are connected, so you can go from one end of the park to the other without stopping. And if you hit the corners right, you'll keep picking up speed. This place also holds tons of contests and battles of the bands.

Bikes OK Monday through Wednesday only.

Local ripper: Daniel Reedy, 15, Dallas, Texas. "The people make this place great. They don't have the attitude, 'I'm better than you.' They give you pointers and tell you how to make your trick look smoother. Everyone's just out to have a good time."



Daniel Reedy
catches some major air
at Rapid Revolutions.

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By Howard Tomb

of Shooting Stars

HEADS UP: IN AUGUST, YOU CAN SEE AS MANY AS 60 SHOOTING STARS EVERY HOUR.



Swarms of meteoroids are racing toward Earth, and there's nothing

we can do—except lie back and enjoy the show.

This year, the **Delta Aquarid** meteor shower will light up the sky with shooting stars on July 28. The **Perseid** meteor shower will arrive a few weeks later, peaking on August 11. But you'll have to stay up late—viewing is best after midnight, when you may see up to 60 shooting stars every hour.

These are two of the biggest meteor showers that show up regularly every year. The shooting stars, or **meteors** (see Space Rocks on page 50), that you'll see are actually little rocky bits of a passing comet. When Earth's orbit crosses a comet's orbit, all these fragments hurtle toward our atmosphere. There, they burn up instantly and turn into dust, sometimes leaving a white

trail, called a **train**. That's what you can see—if only for an instant.

And these meteors move *fast*. **Steve Edberg**, an astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, says the Perseid meteors are some of the fastest in the universe. "They'll be coming in at about 60 kilometers per second," he says. That's about seven times faster than the space shuttle can go.

These summer dates are the best times to see meteors in action, but you can probably see a couple of shooting stars on any clear night. That's because about **100 million** meteors enter our atmosphere each day. Our solar system is littered with leftover bits of planets and moons, as well as all kinds of man-made space junk, like satellite and rocket parts. Whenever any of these pieces hit our atmosphere, you've got a meteor.

But when a comet swings by, you've got a **meteor shower**. And that means *major* shooting-star action.



AN ASTRONOMER HAS A HOLE LOTTA FUN IN THIS 3/4-MILE-WIDE METEOR CRATER.

Take a Shower— After Midnight!

Here's what you need to view a meteor shower:

Darkness: If you can, get out of town and away from all the light pollution. If you watch from your yard, turn off the house lights. This year, the Perseids may be hard to see because the moon will be close to full. The Delta Aquarids will probably put on the summer's best show.

Big sky: Try to watch from an open field, a beach or a hilltop. Look straight overhead to take in as much sky as possible.

Sleeping bag: Lying down is the most comfortable way to watch meteors.

Insect repellent: Meteoroids aren't the only things that travel in swarms.

Clear weather: If the sky is cloudy, you may have to wait until the biggest meteor shower of the winter: the Geminids, on December 13.

Space Rocks

When does a meteoroid become a meteorite? Glad you asked. It depends on where it is!

Comet: a ball of rock and ice drifting in orbit through the solar system. ►



◀ **Meteoroid:** a piece of debris or rock in outer space. Most are pieces of comets.

Meteor: a meteoroid after it enters Earth's atmosphere. Meteors that you can see burning are also known as shooting stars. ▼



Meteorite: ► a meteor that has hit the ground.

Not every meteor burns up completely. Each year, about 100 get through our atmosphere intact and hit the ground. These are called **meteorites**. Most fall into the ocean, but about 10 hit land and are recovered by scientists.

The Doomsday Rock

This year, researchers discovered that a 40-pound meteorite found in Africa was actually a **chunk of Mars**. When something humongous—maybe a comet on a collision course—crashed into the red planet three million years ago, the chunk was blasted free and into space. Eventually, it smashed into Africa.

Last summer, a comet named **Shoemaker-Levy 9** slammed into Jupiter at 130,000 miles an hour, creating dust clouds as large as the planet Earth. You can still see those clouds through a backyard telescope.

Could this happen to our planet? Some scientists think it already has, millions of years ago. According to their theories, a huge comet crashed into Earth and wiped out all the dinosaurs.

David Levy, one of the discoverers of the comet that hit Jupiter, talked with D.A. about how we would have to deal with

a similar situation. "First, we would want to examine the object from a spacecraft," he said. "We'd try to figure out what it's made of."

Then what? "Our spacecraft would leave a **transponder** on the object so we could track its movements

exactly," said Levy.

A transponder is a beacon that would send its radio signals back to Earth.

If it turned out the object was headed for a collision with Earth, we'd have to give the doomsday rock a little nudge to get it moving in another direction. That might have to be done with a rocket or a bomb.

Don't sweat—only one person is known to have been hit by a meteorite. **Ann Hewlett Hodges** was hit by a 3-pounder in 1954 while sitting in her living room. She got a bruise on her leg—and her picture in the paper.



STAR SEARCH: IN 1954, ANN HEWLETT HODGES WAS NAILED BY A 3-POUND METEORITE.

weird yet true



**Blonds
have
more...
HAIR!**

The average person with **blond** hair has **150,000** hairs on his or her scalp, about **50,000** more than most **brunets**. **Redheads** are the least hairy; they have only **60,000** hairs apiece.

Well, *excuse* me!

How does on

orangutan tell

you to stay out of its

territory? It lets out a

raging burp!



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ingernails **grow** **nearly**



Chew *this* over...and over

Harriet Lasky of Denver, Colorado, has been chewing the **same** piece of gum for **33** years, staring it in a glass of water every night while she gets some shut-eye (or in her case, shut-mouth). Harriet first stuffed the wad of bubble gum into her mouth when she was just **7** years old. She has no interest in a fresh piece. "It gets better with age," she says.

Say *what?*

A **woolly bear** is not a bear; it's a caterpillar.

A **koala bear** is not a bear, it's a marsupial.

A **sea wasp** is not a wasp; it's a jellyfish.

A **polecat** is not a cat; it's a weasel.

four times faster

than **toenails.**

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the mission ▼

Hey, D.A. readers: Join Brian and Sean Quinn and solve Casebusters Mystery #2. We've given you suspects and clues, but if you need more information, find a copy of *The Legend of Deadman's Mine* by Joan Lowery Nixon. Be one of the first one hundred to write to us with the correct solution, and we'll send you a **free** book in the Disney Adventures Casebusters series.

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- **Woody** the ranch hand
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the suspects ▲

the crime ▶

A valuable breeding stallion/racehorse has disappeared. Was it stolen? And if so, who stole it and why?

the clues ▶

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MYSTERY #3

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COMICS ZONE



WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S COMICS ZONE

Who's your favorite character from **Aladdin**? Sure, I love Genie, Jasmine, Iago, Abu and Aladdin himself, but I have a particular soft spot for **Rajah** because I think tigers are just about the coolest critters around. Jasmine is one lucky princess to have her own tiger sidekick. But here's some inside scoop: You won't see too many cartoons about tigers, zebras or any other striped animal....**Why?** Because those stripes are so hard to animate!

ALADDIN

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Let me know what you think.
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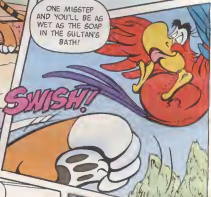


SIBLING RIVALRY



ONE MISSTEP AND YOU'LL BE AS WET AS THE SOAP IN THE SULTAN'S BATH!

SWISH!







A FEW DAYS
LATER IN THE
THIEVES'
QUARTER OF
AGRABAH--

I'M SICK OF THE
PALACE! I'D LIKE TO
STUFF THAT OLD RAJAH!
PUT HIM UP ON A
TROPHY WALL!

...WORTH A
SULTAN'S RANSOM
TO THE RIGHT
CUSTOMER!

BUT THAT
TIGER IS A ROYAL
PET! WON'T IT BE
DANGEROUS?

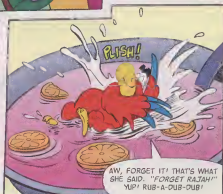
NOT THE
WAY I HAVE IT
PLANNED!

ALL RIGHT! OH, BOY!
YES! YES! CART THAT
FURRY NUISANCE
AWAY!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IF
SOMEONE FOUND OUT I KNEW
ABOUT THIS? I'M TORN! MAYBE
I SHOULD TELL JASMINE?

THAT WOULD GET
ME IN HER GOOD GRACES
AGAIN! YEAH! THAT'S
THE THING TO DO!







GREETINGS, MIGHTY
AND GLORIOUS SULTAN
OF AGRABAH!

NICE
KITTY-
KITTY-
KITTY!

THERE
YOU ARE!
EAT UP!



NOT LONG
AFTER--



IT WORKED!
HE SLEEPS LIKE
THE DEAD!
COME!

ZZZZZZZ

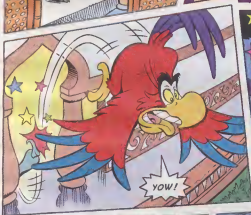


ZOW! THOSE ROPES LOOK
REALLY TIGHT! I HOPE HIS
CIRCULATION IS OKAY!

TREAT HIM GENTLY!
HIS FRESH PELT WILL
MAKE A FINE RUG
FOR THE SULTAN OF
MARAKOO!



PELT! RUG! THEY'RE NOT
STEALING FOR RANSOM!
THEY'RE GONNA KILL
IM!





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LATER, AT THE PALACE

THAT, DAUGHTER,
YAWN'G WAS A FESTIVAL
TO REMEMBER!

YES! SUMMME
IT WENT WELL,
DIDN'T IT!



WILL
YOU LOOK AT
THAT?!



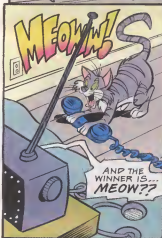
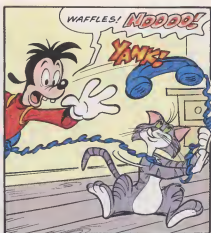
ISN'T THAT
THE SWEETEST
THING!

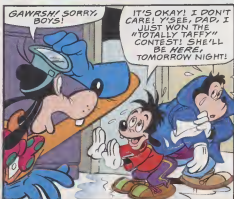
MAYBE THEY'VE FINALLY
BECOME FRIENDS!

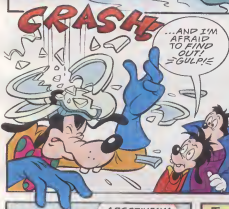
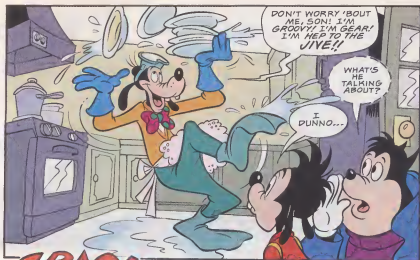
FOR TONIGHT, ANYWAY!
WE'LL SEE WHAT
TOMORROW BRINGS!
YOU NEVER KNOW
WHAT WILL HAPPEN
NEXT IN AGRABAH!

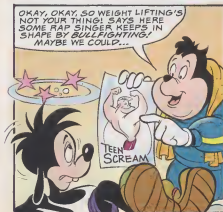


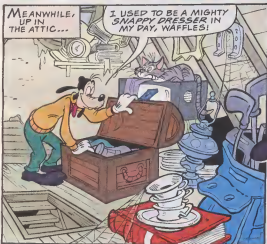
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FARRRR OUT!!



AND INSIDE SPOONERVILLE'S POSHEST HOTEL...

WEAR THIS TONIGHT, TAFFY! AND BE NICE TO THE KID FROM THE CONTEST! WE'LL BE FILMING SCENES FOR YOUR NEXT VIDEO!

BUT I, LIKE, HATE PINK AND I HATE BIG HAIR!



CAN'T I BE THE REAL ME, FOR ONCE?

SIGH! THIS IS GONNA BE THE WORST NIGHT OF MY LIFE!



BACK AT MAX'S...

THIS IS GONNA BE THE BEST NIGHT OF MY LIFE!



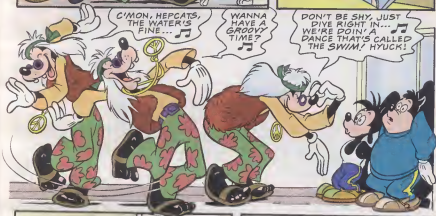
LEMME JUST BEEF UP THIS BICEP A BIT...

MAXIE? GOT SOMETHIN' SPECIAL TO SHOW YA, SON! HYUCK!



SO WHAT'S HAPPENIN', COOL CATS?





DARKWING DUCK

"CEREAL CRIMES, PART ONE"

"THE PHANTOM DONUT SHOP"

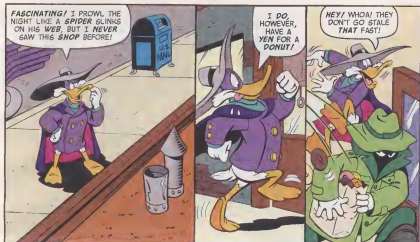
THE END OF
THE NIGHT. THERE
IS A SOLENN QUIET
THAT DESCENDS ON
THE CITY IN THE
HOURS JUST BEFORE
THE DAWN.

EVEN CRIMINALS HAVE
WIGGLED INTO THEIR
JAMMIES AND CRAWLED BACK
INTO THEIR HOLES, TERRIFIED
AND RESENTFUL OF THE
COMING DAYLIGHT.

UP AHEAD, THE STILLNESS
OF THE SLUMBERING CITY IS
PIERCED LIKE THE LOW COMFORTING
MUMBLE OF A FOG HORN BY THE FRIENDLY
BEACON OF THE FAMILIAR OASIS FOR THE WEARY
WANDERERS OF THE
NIGHT SHIFT...

...A
DONUT
SHOP!

DONUT
SHOP



I PROTECT THESE STREETS FOR DECENT PEOPLE JUST SO THEY CAN GO OUT AND HAVE A DONUT IF THEY WANT ONE! BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?



WHAT HAS THIS WORLD COME TO WHEN AN HONEST CRIME FIGHTER CAN'T LURK IN THE NIGHT WITHOUT BEING HARASSED?

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CHECK OUT THAT DONUT SHOP BACK THERE!

WHAT'S YER GAME, BUD? WE KNOW THE LOCATION OF EVERY DONUT IN THIS CITY, AND THERE AIN'T NO SHOP AROUND HERE!



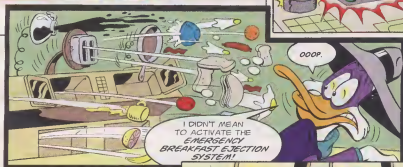
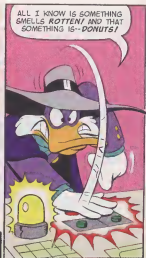
WISH THERE WAS, I COULD GO FOR ONE ABOUT NOW.

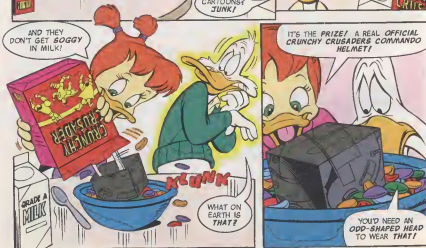
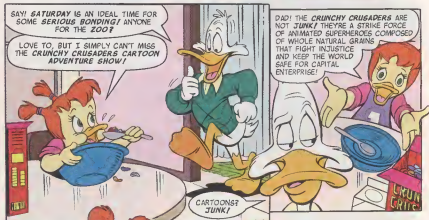
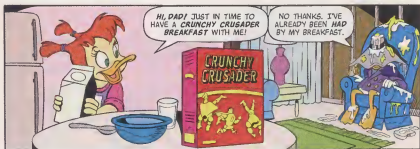
SPUT, SPUT! YOU DON'T GET IT! THIS ONE DOESN'T SELL DONUTS! I TOLD YOU THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT IT!

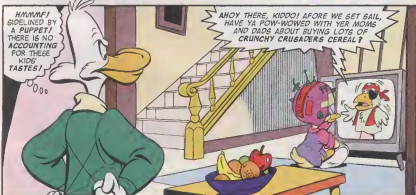


ER...AHHH, EXCUSE ME. I THINK I HEAR A CRIME SOMEWHERE!









LATER THAT NIGHT...

SAY, THAT LOOKS LIKE THE DONUT SHOP I SAW LAST NIGHT! BUT THIS IS THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!

DONUT SHOP

AT LEAST I KNOW THIS ONE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS! GARCON, I'LL HAVE A DOZEN OF YOUR FINEST!

SORRY, WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT!

WHAT?! ARE WE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DONUT DROUGHT?

YOU THERE, HOLD ON! WHO DO YOU HAVE TO KNOW TO GET A DONUT IN THIS PLACE?

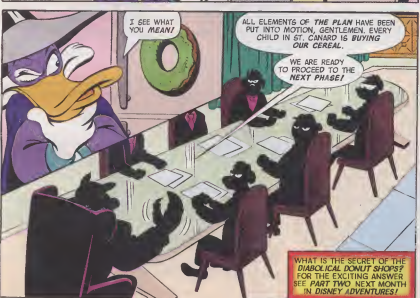
I DUNNO NUTHIN'!

LATER

GOOD NEWS, KIDDO! I BROUGHT HOME A SURPRISE FOR BREAKFAST!

SORRY, DAD, I'VE ALREADY MADE MINE

CRUNCHY CRUSHER



GOOF TROOP

"No Excuse is a Better Excuse"

ONE MORNING
AT SCHOOL...

DO YOU
HAVE YOUR
HOMEWORK,
P.J.?

UM... WELL,
SIR, Y'SEE...

P.J., MIGHT I
REMINDE YOU
THAT
YESTERDAY YOUR
EXCUSE FOR NOT
HAVING YOUR
HOMEWORK WAS
THAT A THIEF
STOLE IT FROM YOUR
BEDROOM WHILE
YOU WERE IN THE
SHOWER?

AND THE
DAY
BEFORE
THAT YOU
CLAIMED
THAT YOUR
SISTER
SET IT
ON FIRE.

WHAT
IS YOUR
EXCUSE FOR
TODAY,
PRAY,
TELL?

AND PLEASE--
DON'T TELL
ME YOUR DOG
ATE IT!

WELL...
OKAY!

CRR!

END

Wow!

This is **Gregory Benton**, D.A.'s

kooky Junior Comics editor, introducing the **Junior Comics Zone**, a special section featuring comics drawn by you!

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I'm sound asleep, and in my dreams you're all sending me comics....

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JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE

Players: One

or two

Systems: Super NES/Genesis

Mission: It's superhero vs. superhero. Pick your favorite, and fight the others.

Characters: Nine

Difficulty: Brainer



Choose your favorite superhero: Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash, Aquaman and Green Arrow. ● The superheroes must fight one another using their unique superpowers and special fighting moves. ● But watch out! The evil Darkseid wants to destroy the Justice League. ● He's created clones of the superheroes and is forcing them to fight against their real-life counterparts. ● After you defeat the clones, you'll battle Cheetah, Despero and, ultimately, Darkseid.

WOLVERINE: ADAMANTIUM RAGE

Players: One

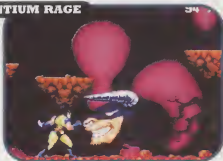
Systems:

Genesis/Super NES

Mission: Help Wolverine survive the deadly trap in which he's caught.

Stages: Seven

Difficulty: Brainer



You must help Wolverine battle some of his most famous foes, including Albert, Bloodscream, Cyber, Fitzroy, Lady Deathstrike, Elsie Dee, Lurker and Sabretooth. ● Just when you think you're safe, however, you'll encounter Shinobi Shaw and face the biggest battle of Wolverine's life. ● This game's got comic-book action at its best.



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EARTHWORM JIM 2

Players: One

Systems:

Super NES/Genesis

Mission: Superhero Earthworm Jim must keep Psycrow from marrying Princess What's-Her-Name. And, oh, yeah, he must also save the world from evil domination.

Stages: 10

Difficulty: Brainer

This cart's got new hand-drawn animated graphics that were created using a new process called Animation II. ● You have total control over the wacky animated worlds where this adventure takes place. ● Earthworm Jim has many powerful new moves and several new friends to help him on his quest.



KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX

Players:

One or two

System:

Genesis 32X

Mission: Knuckles stars in a new adventure in which he must once again defeat Dr. Robotnik.

Stages: 25

Difficulty: Major brainer

It's Knuckles' job to make sure that everything goes smoothly in the just-opened amusement park, Carnival Island. ● The problem: with Dr. Robotnik around, nothing goes right. ● Using new moves, you must help Knuckles beat Dr. Robotnik in a variety of new, exciting stages.



Month!

Gamer's tip of the

To skip whatever level you are on in the original Earthworm Jim game using a six-button controller (Super Nintendo version), start playing the game. At any time, press Pause. Next, press A Button, B Button, X Button, A Button, A Button + X Button, B Button + X Button, B Button + X Button, A Button + X Button.

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Comics cards aren't just for collecting anymore. These SkyBox sets offer you something to do. You can discover hidden messages or enter a new dimension via a CD-ROM that brings card characters to life.

DC Villains: The Dark Judgment

Not even Superman can save you from the villains in this set. Featuring classic baddies like the Joker, Darkseid and Doomsday, the set is written by Roger Stern,

who wrote the novel *The Death of Superman*. As the series progresses, the card backs grow darker and more bug-infested to reveal a secret, evil message for those who collect all 90 cards. Look

for three different bonus inserts: a nine-card Spectra-etched puzzle, three Villains Attack cards and a

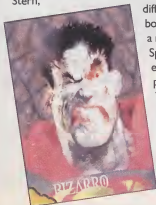


SkyMotion card that uses multi-images to bring Two-Face to sinister life.

SkyBox Master Series: Creators Edition

Is it a card set? Is it a game? Is it a CD-ROM? Yes, yes and yes. Created by five of the top painters from the worlds of comics, fantasy, science fiction and gaming, this series features original

paintings of 105 characters coming soon to a CD-ROM near you. Some cards contain a code that can be used to complete the mission in SkyBox's first CD-ROM adventure game, *SkyBorg: Into the Vortex*. The game's universe is frozen to a standstill, making all living residents two-dimensional, like a trading card. Look for the game to hit the shelves in October.



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Answers



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1. Picture hanger
2. Cork
3. Hole puncher
4. Glass cutter
5. Inflatable-toy air nozzle
6. Wire nut

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02 ☐ Zip Code 06 ☐ Comics Zone 10 ☐ TechnoMania (Hot Video Game Picks)
03 ☐ Card Shark 07 ☐ Puzzles 11 ☐ See You Next Month
04 ☐ Joe Rocket 08 ☐ Ticket 12 ☐ None

10. What are your three favorite regular features? (Please check only three.)

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|--|---|--|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Hello | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> D.A. Buzz | 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Weird Yet True |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Zip Code | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Comics Zone | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> TechnoMania (Hot Video Game Picks) |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Card Shark | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> See You Next Month |
| 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Rocket | 08 <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> None |

11. Do you like celebrity interviews (like the ones with the kids of summer movies in this issue)?

- 01 ☐ Yes 02 ☐ No 03 ☐ I don't know

12. Should we do more celebrity interviews, or less?

- 01 ☐ More 02 ☐ Less 03 ☐ The same amount

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- 01 ☐ Yes 02 ☐ No 03 ☐ I don't know

14. When there's a quiz in D.A., like the Pocahontas Personality Quiz in this issue, do you take it?

- 01 ☐ Always 02 ☐ Sometimes 03 ☐ Never

15. Which of the comics did you read in this issue? (Check all that you read.)

- 01 ☐ Aladdin 02 ☐ Darkwing Duck 03 ☐ Goof Troop 04 ☐ None

16. Do you ever read the other comics we do? (Check all that you read.)

- 01 ☐ Gargoyles 02 ☐ Kid Blastoff 03 ☐ Bone 04 ☐ Bonkers 05 ☐ None

17. Which comic is your favorite? (Please check only one.)

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Aladdin | 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Darkwing Duck | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Kid Blastoff |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Bone | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Gargoyles | 08 <input type="checkbox"/> None; I don't like the comics. |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Bonkers | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Goof Troop | |

18. What should we change about the comics? (Check all that apply.)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> More comics | 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Longer comics | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> No comics |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Less comics | 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Shorter comics | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't change anything |

19. How many D.A. contests have you ever entered?

- 01 ☐ None 02 ☐ 1 03 ☐ 2 04 ☐ 3 05 ☐ 4 06 ☐ 5 07 ☐ 6 or more

20. How would you describe D.A. to one of your friends, in only one sentence? (Please print neatly.)

21. Now's your chance! Is there anything else you would like to see in D.A. or say to our editors? (Please print neatly.)

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